

MAINTENANCE GARAGE/CONTINENTAL STEEL

Kokomo, Howard County, IN
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Site Location and Description

The facility is located on Markland Avenue. The property is approximately 4.24 acres and is located adjacent to Kokomo wastewater treatment facility and near the Continental Steel Superfund site. The surrounding area is mostly industrial and commercial.

Zip Code:

Site Uses and Past Activities

The previous owners, Continental Steel and Penn Dixie Steel, used the property as a temporary parking area and maintenance garage for semi-trailers and semi-tractors. During Continental Steel's last years of operations, the property was leased to a local garage for an auto repair business.

Contaminants and Impacts

A Phase II Investigation was conducted in December 2000 to evaluate the potential for impact from metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). It was determined that metals, PCBs and VOCs were present at some concentration in the soil. However, none of the analytical results exceeded the VRP Tier II Nonresidential cleanup goals. The groundwater in this area is not being used as it has been contaminated from the Continental Steel site; IDEM is requiring that a deed restriction be placed on the property to prohibit the use of groundwater in the future. IDEM is also requiring that a restriction be placed on the property prohibiting residential use of the property.

Lead Agency

IDEM in conjunction with the Indiana Development Finance Authority.

Community Concerns



Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Office of Land Quality

This property is an eyesore in an area marked for redevelopment.

Actions Taken

Howard County was awarded an Indiana Brownfields Site Assessment Grant by the Indiana Development Finance Authority in October 2000. The funds were used to conduct a site assessment in December 2000 to investigate surface and subsurface soil contamination.

Reuse and Redevelopment

The Howard County Solid Waste Management District plans to redevelop this property into a recycling and nature center.

Current Status

IDEM is drafting a comfort/site status letter to the county addressing the results of the investigation.

Future Actions

IDEM will finalize the comfort/site status letter to the county.

Cost Estimates

Amount of grant award:\$17,974.

For More Information

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